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The **Razlog Valley** (**Bulgarian:** Разложка котловина, *Razlozhka kotlovina*) is a **valley** in southwestern **Bulgaria**, **Blagoevgrad Province**, the municipalities of **Razlog**, **Bansko** and **Belitsa**. It is located between the mountains of **Rila** to the north and northwest, **Pirin** to the south and southwest, and the **Rhodope Mountains** to the east. The transitional continental mediterranean climate and nature of the valley are influenced by both the high **alpine** mountain “walls” of Rila and Pirin and the vast and wild Rhodopes, and the warm **Mediterranean climate** of the **Aegean Sea** entering from the south via the **Mesta** river course.

It is home to **Bansko**, a renowned winter resort center and one of the top tourist destinations in Bulgaria. Another popular ski center is **Semkovo**.

The valley is a **syncline** representing a **structural sedimentary** basin with an average altitude of the valley bottom of more than 800 m. The highest **mountain ridges** surrounding the valley reach almost 3000 m, and are rich in **glacial landforms**. In its northeastern part, between Rila and the Rhodopes, is located the **Belishko** field, which is part of the valley. Within these limits from west-northwest to east-southeast, its length reaches 21 km and its average width is 12 km.

There are 4 towns - Bansko, **Belitsa**, **Dobrinishte** and **Razlog**, and many villages in the area, some of them being **Banya**, **Bachevo**, **Dobarsko**, Godlevo, **Gorno Draglishte**, Dolno Draglishte, **Eleshnitsa**, **Kraishte**, **Gorno Kraishte**. The town of **Razlog** was named after the region in 1923 and previously was known as *Mehomiya*.

The Razlog Valley is abundant in water resources, including many tributaries of the **Mesta River**, as well as **hot springs** in the villages of Banya, Bachevo and Eleshnitsa and the Razhdavets and Katarino areas, with the temperature of some of the springs reaching 60 °C and the discharge 70-80 litres per second.^[¹]^[²]

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